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## Mineral Resources of New York

i very valuable and interesting Lecture upon subject was delivered before the Mechanics' ritate in Chambers-st. Friday evening by Prof. who is well known to our citizens from his ment scientific ability and especially from his nection with the recently finished State Geoloal Survey. It is only within the last few years the mineral resources of New-York have been de the object of investigation; and it is mainly the labor of the gentlemen connected with the rey, that we are indebted for our knowledge of The account which Pref BECK gave of our meral wealth was of course general and consed; but enough was presented to convince all leard him that the most useful mineral subnces are found within our borders in the greatprofusion; and that their development alone seded to render us independent of foreign counof for many of those articles of which we now abroad for our chief supply. is seending the Hudson we come at once usen

ale granitic region, abounding in primeval limeate and in magnetic iron ores; and in going farmorth, in the counties of Saratoga, Herkimer, wis, Warren, Essex, Franklin and St. Lawrence a ore is found in great abundance and purity. ese districts abound likewise in the fuel needed is the manufacture of these ores; and thus all the wans are provided for the speedy developement the mineral wealth of this great granitic region the State. In parts of this section are also and beds of red iron ore. From these sources ray easily be manufactured an amount of iron olutely inexhaustible; and yet, strange as it sy appear, the largest proportion of the iton conmed in this country is the product of foreign maces. For this fact two reasons may be asgred. The first is found in the geographical sitation and character of the mining districts,-beng rugged and mountainous tracts, at a considere distance from the markets. And the fact is till farther explained by the mode of manufacture; or in all the principal furnaces the Catalan forge in use, the effect of which is to increase the rice of the iron while its quality is not improved. be mining district in Orange county will be found befree from some of these objections. It abounds the richest iron ore and in the highest facilities or its manufacture, being situated only 40 or 50 siles from this city which would afford it a per-

Another circumstance which has had an injuriis effect upon the mining operations of this State the unsteadiness of purpose which characterres our people and induces them to give up modeate gains for the chance of greater and more sudden wealth. This tendency exhibits itself in the miner in his constantly searching for new veins of ore-leaving those upon which he has already exinded a large amount of money and labor for th precarious chance of greater success elsewhere. But the mineral resources of the State are not

confined to iron. Lead has been found in large quantities in the Northern and South-Western pasts of the State, in St. Lawrence and Sullivan counties, where it exists in veins of calcareous spar traversing the primary reck. Other veins less strongly marked are diffused through the limestone of the Shawangunk, section. The failures which have heretofore attended the attempts to work these mines have not arisen from a want of ore, but from other causes; and especially from the practice of employing foreign miners in the work, who, though skilful in the modes used in their own countries, are ignorant of those adapted to our land and character. To the same cause may be attributed the failure of the English miners in Mexico. The oxide of manganese also abounds in Dutchess and Columbia counties, in a quantity which must at some day enable us to be independent of foreign importation. Neither coal nor anthracite are found in the State, and after the explorations that have been made, it is evidently uscless to expect them. Still this deficiency is abundantly remedied by the great amount of peat turf, another fossil fuel which is found to exist in inexhaustible quantities in the Southern and South-Western portions of the State. It burns freely, may easily be collected, preserved and transported, and after combustion forms a most excellent

Limestones are also found in the State in great abundance, many of them susceptible of a high polish and most useful for architectural purposes. They are found in Dutchess and Westchester counties, from the last of which alone not far from 200,000 cubic feet have been annually quarried and sold at from one to four dollars per foot. Other varieties abound in Putnam, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties, where transition marble of all varieties and all colors is freely met. If a specimen of all the marbles of the State could be collected, it would seem to be a matter of surprise that a single block or a single slab should ever be imported. But a still stranger fact is that lime is now brought from distant parts of the United States. Thus fuel is now taken from New-York to Maine, and the lime made of it there is sold in this State, at a less price than it can be bought for on the Hudson .-This is certainly much like sending coals to New Castle or warming-pans to the coast of Africa for we have here an abundance of limestone for all our wants. Nor can the fact be explained by a superiority in the quality of the stone, but probably from a more speedy and less expensive method of manufacture; just as cotton is now brought from India to Great Britain, where it is manufactured and the goods taken thence to India and sold there for less than that which is made at home can

Marl and Gypsum, useful alike in agriculture and the arts, also abound throughout the State the marl is found in beds, sometimes pure, and at others mixed with argillaceous ingredients. It is most abundant in the sections contiguous to the Hudson river and the Erie Canal. Gypsum, or Plaster of Paris, is mainly confined to the western counties. It was first found in Madison; and now there are annually produced from 40 to 50,000 tons. The supply is inexhaustible. Hydraulic or water limestone, of which the peculiarity is that it hardens under water, and is thus indispensible in building locks, dams, &c., is found in Ulster,

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Onondaga, and Niagara counties. Its discovery had a great effect in aiding the construction of the canal. It should be observed, that this lime, if not properly prepared, or if too long exposed to the air, loses all its hydraulic properties; and Prof. BECE thought that the safest way to insure its excellence would be to have it quarried under the superintendence of agents of the state.

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Mineral Springs are also abundant in the State, springs of which the water contains nitrogen, sulphuric or other gases, or a solution of common salt. The geographical distribution of these various kinds of springs is worthy of attention. Springs in which gas is found occur mainly in the Western part of the State. In Chautauque County hydrogen springs abound, and the water of Lake Eric. near that shere is often seen to be agitated with the bubbles containing this gas which rise to the surface. In Fredenia, Westfield, and Van Buren springs are found which yield a gas that burns with a white light. As to the cause of these springs different opinions have been entertained. They cannot here, as in other countries, be connected with beds of coal; and the fact that in the recks are often found openings containing petroleum makes it probable that the gas in these springs results from the decomposition of this liquid. Nitrogen is found less abundantly; in the Lebanon springs, however, it rises through water at a temperature of 73° of Fahrenheit. So at Hoosick, Chateaugeav and other places.

Sulphur springs abound in every part of the nall. Num. Paris, 1777. London: Robert Sayer, State; and Prof. BECK said he was inclined to attribute them to some general and deeply seated cause. The line of the Western canal contains many of them, as at Avon, Sharon, &c. There is no part of the world in which acidulous springs are more abundant than in this State. Those at Saratoga are especially well known, and are unsurpassed by any in America, and perhaps in the world. The existence of these springs affords evidence that there exists below the surface of the Earth a large reservoir of this gas. Whether they are to be referred to volcanic action or not, it is clear that they can be accounted for by no cause operating near the surface.

But of all these mineral springs, the brine or salt springs are the most useful. To show the amount of salt consumed it will be sufficient to state that, in the manufacture of bread alone there are used annually 35 to 40,000 bushels of salt in this single city-while throughout the United States for the same purpose, more than two milions of bushels are consumed. And yet this is only one of its uses. The term brine is applied to those springs, containing a large amount of salt, n which there is not enough of carbonic acid gas o make them acidulous. They are not found east of the line which divides the Counties of Oswego and Cayuga. They abound particularly in Onondaga. They were discovered there about 50 years ago, when that section, now so populous, was a wilderness. The manufacture of salt has brought large revenue to the State and wealth to the inhabitants. The supply is absolutely inexhaustible: he proportion of salt varying from 13 to 17 h per cent. The modes of separating it are by boiling, by evaporation without boiling, and by very slow evaporation by exposure to the sun and air. The purest salt is procured by the last method; in the others, unless great care is used, it becomes mingled with other ingredients. It is certainly a matter of surprise that, when the very purest and best quality of salt may thus be made at home, the salt for the Army and Navy should be procured abroad. In 1841 there were manufactured in this State three millions of bushels. The springs probably have their origin in immense beds of fossil salt beneath the surface, of which, some have been discovered in Virginia. The region in which the salt is so abundant is admirably adapted to other arts, to the manufacture of soda ash, oil of vitriol, and bleaching powder.

Besides these which have been mentioned, other minerals abound in the State, such as brick clay, porceluin clays, quartz, black lead, various barytes, ochres, &c. Few countries, indeed, are more richly supplied with mineral wealth; and even now the sum total of the mineral resources annually developed does not fall short of ten millions

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taken from a spot of such narrow dimensions .-And when all the facts in relation to the land slide apon the extract. I also observed in the news are ascertained, we believe that it will be acknowlby the Acadia reference apparently to the same edged that only a small portion of the earth which now covers a surface of many thousand square vards, could have fallen from the side of the hill. A gentleman who was standing, at the time of country, I take the liberty of addressing this arthe disaster, on the level ground at the base of the

ticle to you, for the purpose of meeting the slanders hill, formed by the slide of 1837, informs us that hus thrown out. The argument against us, as I the first movement of earth proceeded from the understand it, is, that Dr. Franklin is said to have level ground and not from the hill. That the level marked out with a red line upon a map of North ground was thrown up as if by some internal force. America, the boundary line of the United States, and thrown over like the waves of the sea. That the hill did not begin to fall until after this upwhich was nearly the same as the boundary line heaval of level ground; and that the first movement of the earth was accompanied by an explo-Now, I have in my possession a large English sion like that of gunpowder. From the statemap, which is thus entitled. "A new and correct ments of the occupants of the houses in the vicinity it also appears that their houses were much map of North America, with the West India shaken as if by an earthquake-their furniture Islands, divided according to the last Treaty of moved, &c. &c.

It seems probable, therefore, that the houses which were destroyed, were overwhelmed, not by the earth from the hill, but by the breaking up o the earth on the level at the base of the hill.

The cause of the upheaval of the earth in this unusual manner, was probably produced in the fol-

For two or three days previous to the land-slide of 1237, a stream of water was perceived issuing from the face of the hill, about half way from the base to the summit. This stream continued to run for some time after the slide, when it ceased to flow. A day or two previous to the late slide a stream of water also broke out near the same spot whence the stream issued in 1837, and still continues to flow. Our belief is that both land sides have been caused by the action of water, which claim to have been the highlands intended in the has run under ground at the foot of the hill, until so large a quantity has accumulated, that, aided by

> has burst up the earth above it. Those who are acquainted with the principle of the hydrostatic bellows, and who are aware of the great force exerted by water when properly applied, will easily perceive that our hypothesis may

the pressure constantly exerted by the stream, it

To illustrate it, let us suppose a reservoir to be constructed under the surface of the level ground at the foot of the hill; and this reservoir to be filled by the stream of water which runs from the hill. When the reservoir is full, the water having no power to overflow on account of the superincumbent earth, and its volume being constantly augmented by the stream pouring in from above, will of course force for itself a passage in the direction in which t can the most easily be effected. This direction would of course be upward, and could only be acquired by throwing up the earth with tremendous

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